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Applicant: James John Wilson et al)
For: REDUCED NOISE MULTI-)
RIBBED TRANSMISSION BELT)
Serial No. 09/893,156)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 11, 2003, Applicants make
the following remarks.

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REMARKS

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35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent
No. 5,215,504 to Wong et al. This rejection is traversed for the reasons set forth below.

In paragraph 4 of the Final Office Action, it states that "Applicant correctly asserts
that the longitudinally grooves of Wong do not lie along the longitudinal direction of the
belt." The position is taken that the grooves 18 of Wong have a "longitudinal direction of
their own, transverse to the longitudinal direction of the belt". By the statements in
Paragraph 4 of the Office Action, it is being acknowledged that the longitudinal direction of
the belt of Wong as shown in Figures 2A-2C is from right to left, or left to right. Thus the
longitudinal length of a belt element, whether it is a groove or a cog, is also from right to left
or left to right in the Figures.

Claim 1 recites that the grooves of the belt form "transverse rows of cogs on the belt
inner surface, wherein the rows of cogs have at least three different longitudinal lengths, and
the rows of differing lengths are randomly arranged, in a non-sequential manner, along the
entire length of the belt." Regardless of how grooves 12 or 18 of Wong are characterized, as

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